

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claim 1-5, 8-11 and 14-16 are present for examination.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-3, 8, 10, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kashiwamura. Claims 4, 5, 9, 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kashiwamura.

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traverse.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 in order to more clearly distinguish applicant's invention from the applied prior art.

Amended claim 1 sets forth a power consumption control method comprising, *inter alia*, "transitioning at least one of the reproducing apparatus and the output apparatus from said ordinary operation mode to a low-power consumption operation mode through the radio communication interface, when a data reproduction stop request is made in one or another of the reproducing apparatus and the output apparatus, the transition to the low-power consumption operation mode being a transition to a mode previously selected from a first mode in which connection of the radio communication is maintained and a second mode in which the connection is cut off."

The above features of the claimed invention are not taught or suggested by Kashiwamura.

The Examiner indicates in the Office Action, Page 3, that Kashiwamura discloses the low-power consumption operation mode including a first mode in which connection of the radio communication is maintained (stand-by mode, paragraph 38) and a second mode in which the connection is cut off (the headset cuts off its transceiver power when the end button 3e is pressed ending its connection with the phone, paragraph 49). However, the examiner is incorrect.

The Examiner incorrectly understands the description of paragraph 49 as corresponding to another mode different from the “stand-by mode.” However, the description of paragraph 49 in fact corresponds to the “stand-by mode” (which is also described at paragraph 38), because paragraph 50, line 1 clearly states that, “Then, the adapter unit 2 returns to a stand-by mode,” following the description of paragraph 49.

Consequently, Kashiwamura teaches only the “stand-by mode.” Clearly, Kashiwamura fails to disclose both the “first mode” and the “second mode” as recited in the claims. In particular, Kashiwamura is silent about the first mode (in which connection of the radio communication is maintained) as a low-power consumption operation mode. Practically, in the stand-by mode, the unit 2 of Kashiwamura merely periodically checks to see if there is a radio frequency, in which connection of the radio communication is not maintained.

Furthermore, Kashiwamura fails to disclose the transition to a mode (i.e., low-power consumption operation mode) previously selected from a first mode in which connection of the radio communication is maintained and a second mode in which the connection is cut off, as recited in the amended claims.

In view of the amendments made hereto and the comments set forth above, it is submitted that the Patent and Trademark Office has not made out a case of anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102 nor a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

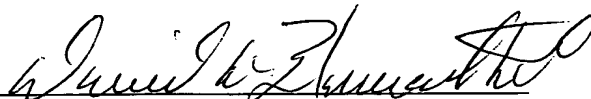
It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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